Metropolitan transport system

2323. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any scheme for the development of the metropolitan transport system on a cost sharing basis with the State concerned;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the respective share of the Central Government and the State Government and

(c) whether there has been any progress in the proposal for development of a metropolitan transport system for the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There has been no such proposal.

Housing shortage in the country

2324. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the housing shortage in the country in January 1981 was esimated to be about 2 crores units; if so, how much is it estimated to be now;

(b) how many units have been provided for in between this period; and

(c) the steps taken to increase the rate of dwelling units and what are the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) As per the National Buildings Organisation estimates the housing shortage at the beginning of 1981 was 21.1 million dwelling units and had gone upto 24.7 million units in 1985.

(b) and (c) Housing is a State subject and the State Governments/ Union Territory Admns. have been given full powers to implement various housing schemes as per their requirements and plan priorities. However, several steps have been taken to tackle the housing shortage, some of which are as follows:—

(i) The Public Sector outlay for housing has been raised from Rs. 1490.87 crores in the 6th Plan to 2458.21 crores in the 7th Plan.

(ii) The norms of income eligibility, ceiling cost of construction and ceiling of Government loan assistance for various social housing schemes have enhanced.

(iii) Under the Rural House Sites-cum Construction Assistance Scheme for Rural Landless Workers a provision of Rs. 577 crores has been made in the 7th Plan. Of this Rs. 36 crores would be utilised to provide developed house sites of 90 sq. mts each to 7.2 lakh landless families and an amount of Rs. 541 crores is provided as construction assistance to 27.1 lakh families.

(iv) The equity of Housing & Urban Development Corporation is proposed to be raised from Rs. 75 crores to Rs. 135 crores during the 7th Plan.

(v) Sites and Services for Economically Weaker Sections in urban areas are provided at cost price. The area of developed land is restricted to 25-30 sq. mts. per house and loan of Rs. 5000 at concessional rates of interest is to be given to each beneficiary family.

(vi) A National Housing Bank is being set up to facilitate the availability of Housing finance; and

(vii) Several fiscal incentives are provided to encourage investment in Housing and some more have been announced in the Budget Speech (1987-88).

Subarnarekha project

2325. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarred Question 2388 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1986 and state:

(a) when the Subarnarekha project is expected to be completed;

(b) how many dams have since been completed;

(c) how many families have so far been displaced and how many of them rehabilitated; and

(d) what is the total estimated cost for the purpose of rehabilitation?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The project is expected to be completed by 1993-94.

(b) no dam has since been completed.

(c) 25 families have been shifted upto end of March, 1987.

(d) Rs. 14.71 crores.

Civic amenities in resettlement colonies

2326. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the colonies by name Nand Nagri and Seema Puri resettlement colonies located about 25 kilometer away from Delhi city are suffering from lack of civic amenities; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to improve the conditions of the colonies that sprang up in recent years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The colonies Nand Nagari and Seemapuri are provided with civic amenities. Internal roads and Storm Water drains are existing in these colonies and water supply through public hydrants is being given to Nand Nagri from tubewells and in Seemapuri water supply is provided through public hydrants from tubewells and Ganga water. Besides this, hand pumps are also provided in these colonies. These colonies have also been provided community toilet blocks with septic tanks. Facility of street lighting also exists in these colonies and the same is maintained by DESU for and on behalf of DDA, which bears the entire cost thereof. Both the resettlement colonies viz. Nandnagri and Seemapuri are also electrified with facility of street lighting.

(b) Government has taken steps to further improve civic amenities in these resettlement colonies and a scheme under the head-Additional facilities — is in operation. Work of providing water supply lines and sewerage is in progress. Individual water connections to each plot holder is likely to be given shortly after completion of water supply lines.

Fire preventive arrangements in multi-storey buildings

2327. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Administration had recently written to the Central Government for according permission to raise Multi-storey Buildings in New Delhi and Delhi;